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Kazuya FUKUHARA, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2825  
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Filed: September 30, 2003 )  
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For: PHOTOMASK DESIGNING METHOD, )  
PATTERN PREDICTING METHOD AND )  
COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT )

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-SB-08. Applicants are filing this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. This IDS supplements the IDSs filed on September 30, 2003 and May 6, 2004.

Applicants attach copies of the listed documents. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate their consideration by making appropriate notation on the attached form.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or full translation of the non-English documents, Applicants enclose a Taiwanese Patent Office Action entitled "Notification of Reasons for

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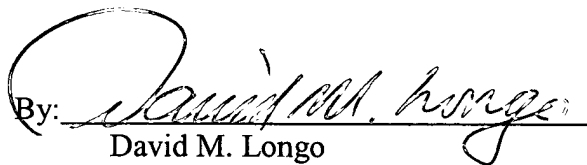
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Respectfully submitted,

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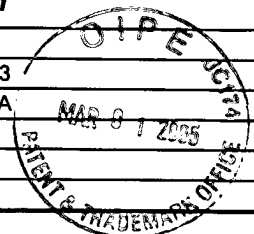
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